

## NEWS RELEASE

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## Free Assistance for Filing Application for Federal Student Aid Now Available

FAFSA deadline for online application is March 2

Applying for federal student aid can be a daunting process so the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network's Youth Opportunity Center, in cooperation with its partner CalSOAP (Student Orientation and Assistance Program), are providing free assistance. The online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application deadline is March 2, 2009.

Assistance in completing and submitting FAFSAs will be available at the Youth Opportunity Center on Wednesday, February 25, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; Friday, February 27, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm; and Monday, March 2, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. The Center is located at 3447 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach.

In addition, a *Cash for College Lab* Workshop will be held at DeVry University - Long Beach Campus (also a CalSOAP partner) on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 am - noon. The campus is located at 3880 Kilroy Avenue, Long Beach.

### Requirements to Receive Federal Aid

To receive federal student aid, applicants must meet certain requirements, including:

- Be registered with Selective Service if you are male and 18 to 25 years of age (Go to [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) for more information.)
- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) Certificate or pass an exam approved by the U.S. Department of Education
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program at a school that participates in the federal student aid programs
- Other requirements may apply.

### The following information will be needed in order to complete and submit an application:

- Student's and Parent's Social Security Number
- Alien Registration if not a U.S. Citizen
- 2008 Federal Tax information or Tax returns (including IRS W-2 information) for applicant (and spouse if married) and parents if providing parental information
- Information on savings, investments, and business and farm assets for applicant and parents if you are providing parental information

Note, applicant should apply for a PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov), which will allow applicant to electronically sign when he/she submits FAFSA. If providing parental information, parent must also have a PIN.

Individuals can call the Youth Opportunity Center at 562.570.4700. The YOC is an Equal Opportunity Program. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. To request a reasonable accommodation, please call 562.570.3738 or TTY 562.570.4629, at least 72 hours prior to event.

The **Youth Opportunity Center** assists youth in the Long Beach, Torrance, Lomita and Signal Hill area find education, experience and employment. For more information about services call: 562.570.4700, Toll Free 800.292.7200, TTY 562.570.4629. Visit [www.HireAYouth.com](http://www.HireAYouth.com)

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